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The Honorable Frederick H. Mueller The Secretary of Commerce Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Fred:

I am glad to learn from your letter of February 18th that information from this Agency has been of substantial assistance to your Department in the exercise of its responsibility.

I believe there must be some misuaderstanding about the dissemination of reports which we have received from sources. In 1954 a reading panel was established representing the components of this Agency concerned with the reports, and this panel screens all such reports on a regular basis against requirements furnished by your Department. With very rare exceptions in special cases, these reports responsive to your requirements are disseminated to the Department. This reports substantially the procedure achieves for the reports. same result as derives from It has been our intent and will continue to be that all

intelligence information which can be of use to you in your responsibilities be made available subject only to the limitations of source protection in rare cases.

Sincerely.

CONCUR: 10 MAR 1960

Robert Amory, Jr., \pD/I

Alles W. Dulles GD/OO-EMA:mg (25 Feb 60)

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Mr. Houston:

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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR Herewith is an alternative letter for what blunt compared to theirs but agrees that it covers the ground. I feel the less said the better and recommend my draft. LAWRENCE R. HOUSTON DOCI General Counsel agrees that General Counsel's rewrite need not be classified.) (47) REPLACES FORM 10-101

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MEMORANDUM FOR:	Director of Central Intelligence	
THROUGH:	Deputy Director (Intelligence) Nat	
SUBJECT:	Release of Reports to the Department of Commerce	
REFERENCE:	Letter from Secretary of Commerce to the DCI, dated 18 Feb 60	
l. This men	morandum suggests action on the part of the DCI.	
Such requested a	ction is contained in paragraph 6.	
2. Secretar	ry Mueller, in his letter to you of 18 Feb 1960, asks	
that all intellig	gence information reports emanating from	STAT
sources be dissen	minated to the Department of Commerce on a regular	
basis, and points	out their potential value to his Department in con-	
nection with its	responsibility for enforcing the U. S. Export Control	
Act. While he ac	knowledges the value of the steady stream of intelli-	
	which he has received from CIA, and which he describe	8
as emanating from	the overseas operations of the Agency, he does not	
appear to be awar	e of the fact that his Department already receives a	
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4. In the case of the Department of Commerce, a procedure was	
established in 1954 between, ORR, and OCR whereby a reading panel h	a&TA ^T
screened intelligence information reports on a regular basis	
against requirements furnished by the Bureau of Foreign Commerce, and	
each selected report has been checked through the originating field of	fice
and source for authority for release to the Department of Commerce. I	n
the vast majority of cases this permission has been granted and the re-	port
has been released, generally in sanitized form.	
5. It is believed that certain officials of the Department of	
Commerce have been under the misapprehension that recent changes in ORI	R,
involving the transfer of the illegal transactions and traders file to	
the Commercial Intelligence Division of the Bureau of Foreign Commerce	,
might cause this screening process and release of reports to be dis-	
continued. It would therefore seem advisable to assure Secretary Muell	Ler
that this regular release of selected reports can be expected to contin	ue,
and to explain why a blanket release of all reports emanating from	
sources would not be possible.	
6. It is recommended that you sign the attached letter.	CT ^ -
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Acting Assistant Director for Operations

Attachment:
As stated
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"I like Larry's short version".

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/s/ CPC 5 Mar 60

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